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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In January of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with health care assistant **Tina M. Anderson** (HCA.HC.00149395) in which her credential is suspended for at least two years. Anderson was convicted in Asotin County Superior Court of three counts of attempting to obtain a controlled substance through fraud, all Class C felonies.

Benton County

In February of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered counselor **Randall J. Swanby** (RC.RC.00057436). Swanby failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

In March 2010 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy assistant and pharmacy intern **Nancy M. Dudas** (PHAA.VB.00066734, PHAI.IR.00066839). Dudas's credential to practice as a pharmacist in Alberta, Canada, was suspended in 2005.

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Clallam County

In February of 2010 the Department of Health permanently revoked the credential of certified nursing assistant **Corean O. Barnes** (NAC.NC.10098646). Between August of 2007 and June of 2009, Barnes was convicted in Clallam, Kitsap and Jefferson counties of numerous crimes, including two counts of second-degree rape.

Jefferson County

In March 2010 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the license of physician **Joseph R. Fog** (MD00048442). Fog prescribed medications to multiple patients in other states using the Internet.

King County

In February of 2010 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission withdrew a statement of charges against dentist **Peter Hertz** (DE00008006).

In February of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered counselor **Djuanna R. Akers** (RC.RC.00059085). Akers failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

In February of 2010 the Board of Pharmacy suspended for at least one year the credential of pharmacy technician **Arissa L. King** (PTEC.VA.00058655). King took narcotics for her own use from the pharmacy where she worked.

In February 2010 the Pharmacy Board suspended the credential of pharmacy assistant **Vardges Saroyan** (VB00046649) for three years. Saroyan was convicted of possessing a controlled substance in 2008.

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Sarah N. Matovu** (NAC.NC.10046548). Matovu was convicted of 10 counts of Medicaid false statement and two counts of first-degree theft.

In March 2010 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Barbara L. Padgett** (RN.RN60049808). Padgett's license to practice nursing in Louisiana was suspended in 2009.

In March of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered counselor **Dave J. Kost** (RC.RC.00053913). Kost failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

In March of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered counselor **Nicole T. Webb** (RC.RC.60033077). Webb failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

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In March of 2010 the Naturopathic Physician Program indefinitely suspended the credential of naturopathic physician **Anne L. Davis** (NATU.NT.00000421). Davis failed to comply with terms of an earlier order.

Kitsap County

In March of 2010 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission withdrew a statement of charges against physician **Susan Shlifer** (MD00035541).

Kittitas County

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of certified nursing assistant **Jacqueline A. Sharp** (NAR.NA.60037102, NAC.NC.60037146). Sharp failed to comply with a previous order.

Okanogan County

In February of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Julia M. Johns** (NAC.NC.10096617). Johns was convicted in Okanogan County Superior Court of third-degree assault, a Class C felony, for assaulting a Washington state trooper.

Pacific County

In February of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission lifted a summary suspension and withdrew a statement of charges against registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Gregory Pigeon** (RN.RN.00162604, ARNP.AP.30007203-CRNA).

Pierce County

In March of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least five years the credential of health care assistant **Kimberley J. Templeton** (HCA.HC.00147463), who was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of seven counts of violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, a class C felony.

Skagit County

In February of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the credentials of registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Breeanne C. Remme** (NAR.NA.60064668, NAC.NC.60082408). Remme possessed a client's cellular telephone without the client's permission and failed to cooperate with the department's investigation.

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Snohomish County

In February of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least four years the credential of certified nursing assistant **Cameron E. Sheppard** (NAC.NC.10049044), who was convicted in Snohomish County Superior Court of third-degree assault, a class C felony.

In February of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of health care assistant **Loyd E. Hanna** (HCA.HC.00152425). Hanna failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreed order.

In February 2010 the Pharmacy Board revoked the credential of pharmacy technician **Shirley G. Molina** (PTEC.VA.00056467). Molina was convicted of acquiring a controlled substance by deception and subterfuge.

Spokane County

In February of 2010 the Department of Health permanently revoked the credential of health care assistant **Steven M. Buckminster** (HC00131320), who was convicted in King County Superior Court of first-degree rape of a child, a class A felony.

In February of 2010 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the credential of certified nursing assistant **Tammie S. Reedy** (NAC.NC.10015682), who stole money from two patients at the assisted living facility where she worked.

In March 2010 the Massage Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Melynda M. Bly** (MASS.MA.00010727). Bly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credential.

Out of State

Idaho: In February of 2010 the Department of Health modified an order against paramedic **Darryl J. Courson** (PARA.ES.00123802). His credential is suspended for at least two years.

Oregon: In February of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Tina M. Peek** (RN.RN.00172809) after the Oregon State Board of Nursing accepted the voluntary surrender of her credential to practice in that state.

Oregon: In February of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Harley Tuck Jr.** (LPN.LP.00027879) after the Texas Board of Nursing accepted the voluntary surrender of his credential to practice in that state.

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